GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES
LOK SABHA

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FLOOD IN STATES
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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) Whether the Union Government have formed any working group to get the information through newspapers and media about the States in the grip of flood, rain and other natural calamities ;

(b) If so, the details thereof ;

(c) Whether the Government are aware that due to obstruction in communication service, they are unable to get the information about various undeveloped and far flung States especially the tribal States ;

(d) If so, the effective steps taken by the Union Government to deal with such a situation ;

(e) Whether the rail lines/roads in various States of the country especially in Jharkhand have been affected due to floods and rain in September-October, 2006 but Central and State Governments have not provided assistance to these natural calamity affected States; and

(f) If so, the details thereof ?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES(SHRI JAI PRAKASH NARAYAN YADAV)

(a) No Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c)to(f) As informed by the Ministry of Home Affairs, the State Governments are primarily responsible for undertaking relief and rehabilitation measures in the areas affected by the natural calamities viz. cyclone, drought, earthquake, fire, floods, hailstorm, avalanches, cloud burst, landslides and pest attack as per the existing Scheme of Financing Relief Expenditure. The Government of India supplements the efforts of the State Governments by providing financial and logistic support, wherever necessary. The assistance for relief and rehabilitation in the wake of natural calamities is given to the States under the two schemes viz. Calamity Relief Fund (CRF) and National Calamity Contingency Fund (NCCF) which are operated by the Ministry of Home Affairs.

A CRF has been constituted for each State, which is contributed by the Government of India and the State Governments in the ration of 3(Central): 1 (State). The State Governments are required to meet the expenditure on relief and rehabilitation out of the corpus of the CRF which is readily available with the State Governments. In case, the calamity is of a severe nature and funds available in the States`s CRF account are not sufficient, additional assistance is provided to the States out of the NCCF.

During 2006-07, a central assistance amounting to Rs. 2606.94 crore under CRF and Rs.1962.06 crore under NCCF has been released by the Ministry of Home affairs to the State Governments ;

which includes the central assistance of Rs.48.64 crore under CRF released to the State Government of Jharkhand.